

Statement of the  
Radiological Society of Connecticut  
to the  
Public Health Committee  
March 17, 2010  
HB 5476

Members of the committee:

The Radiological Society of Connecticut is opposed to House Bill 5476, *An Act Concerning Pathology Billing Practices*.

The legislation repeals provisions adopted last year that prevent physicians from acting like brokers. The current law prevents entities from billing patients and third parties for anatomic pathology services that they did not personally perform or directly supervise. This law makes a good deal of sense.

Without it, the doctor can pay for a test that someone else performs and then turn around and mark-up the cost to insurers or self-pay patients through their own billing. This practice has been reported in a *Wall Street Journal* article of September 3, 2005, entitled: "How some doctors turn a \$79 profit from a \$30 test."

We urge the committee to defeat the bill. Thank you.